Action has been initiated by the NPCC management for holding discussions on the charter of demands with the Unions.

Strike Notice By Trade Unions of ECL

1927. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the workers belonging to the trade unions of ECL have served strike notices on the management;

(b) if so, when the notices were served;

(c) what are their demands; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government to meet the demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Colliery Mazdoor Sabha of India (CITU) served a strike notice on the Agent, Jamuria, A-B Colliery of ECL, on 25th January, 1989.

(c) The demand of the Union was that the alleged irregularities in LTC / LLTC payments in the Colliery should be enquired into and action taken against those responsible for the same.

(d) As a result of conciliation proceedings held on 6.2.89, the Union withdrew the strike notice. The case has been handed over to CBI, Dhanbad for investigation.

Complaints From Trade Unions

1928. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ECL management have received complaints from Trade Unions in Sripur area;

(b) if so, who are the complainants; and

(c) what are the details of the complaints and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The complainants are representatives of the Colliery Mazdoor Sabha (CITU); Indian National Trade Union Congress and Koyala Mazdoor Congress / Colliery Mazdoor Congress (HMS)

(c) The complaint was regarding malpractices in payment of LTC/LLTC at Jamuria Colliery under Sripur area. The case has since been handed over to CBI, Dhanbad, for investigation.

Pending Thermal and Hydel Projects

1929. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the Statewise number of projects for setting up of thermal/hydel plants pending with the Central Government and details thereof;

(b) when those project reports were received by Government;

(c) the reasons for delay in clearing these projects; and

(d) by when these projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The details are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) While all efforts are made to expedite the clearance of power projects, approval of power projects depends upon